

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Thursday, May 16, 2002

SENATE

Measures Reported:

S. 1811, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to streamline the financial disclosure process for executive branch employees, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 107-152)
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H.R. 3009 - Andean Trade Preference Expansion Act:

Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3009, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, and to grant additional trade benefits under that Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:
Pages S 4434-50, S 4455-69, S 4470-72, D 496

Adopted:

Kyl/Gramm Amendment No. 3429 (to Amendment No. 3401), to require that any revenue generated from custom user fees be used to pay for the operations of the United States Customs Service.
Pages S 4455-57, D, 496

Rejected:

Gregg Amendment No. 3427 (to Amendment No. 3401), to strike the provisions relating to wage insurance. (By 58 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 114), Senate tabled the amendment.)
Pages S 4434-42, D 496

Dodd Amendment No. 3428 (to Amendment No. 3401), to clarify the principal negotiating objectives of the United States with respect to labor and the environment. (By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 115), Senate tabled the amendment.)
Pages S 4443-50, S 4457-59, D 496

Pending:

Baucus/Grassley Amendment No. 3401, in the nature of a substitute.
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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the sequence of certain Democratic amendments.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Friday, May 17, 2002.

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S. 848 - Social Security Number Misuse Prevention Act--Agreement:

A unanimous- consent agreement was reached providing that S. 848, the Social Security Number Misuse Prevention Act, reported today by the Committee on the Judiciary, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of *Todd Walther Dillard*, of Maryland, to be *United States Marshal*, and *Robert R. Rigsby*, District of Columbia, to be an *Associate Judge*, both for the *Superior Court of the District of Columbia*, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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Committee Meetings (Cont'd):

Committee on the Judiciary: *Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items: S. 848, to amend title 18, United States Code, to limit the misuse of social security numbers, to establish criminal penalties for such misuse, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; S. 1742, to prevent the crime of identity theft, mitigate the harm to individuals victimized by identity theft, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; The nominations of Richard R. Clifton, of Hawaii, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Christopher C. Conner, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Joy Flowers Conti, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and John E. Jones III, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.*

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Committee Meetings for Friday, May 17, 2002:

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: *@ 9:30 a.m. Business meeting to continue consideration of S. 630, to prohibit senders of unsolicited commercial electronic mail from disguising the source of their messages, to give consumers the choice to cease receiving a sender's unsolicited commercial electronic mail messages; S. 2201, to protect the online privacy of individuals who use the Internet; S. 2037, to mobilize technology and science experts to respond quickly to the threats posed by terrorist attacks and other emergencies, by providing for the establishment of a national emergency technology guard, a technology reliability advisory board, and a center for evaluating antiterrorism and disaster response technology within the National Institute of Standards and Technology; S. 2182, to authorize funding for computer and network security research and development and research fellowship programs; S. 2329, to improve seaport security. SR-253.*

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Remarks:

A National Commission Concerning the Events of September 11, 2001.

Torricelli

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Investigate 9-11.

Clinton

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Quieting Terrorism Rhetoric.

Lott

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HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 4757. *A bill to improve the national instant criminal background check system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

McCarthy

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H.R. 4763. *A bill to amend chapter 55 of title 5, United States Code, to exclude availability pay for criminal investigators from the limitation on premium pay; to modify levels of special pay adjustments for Federal law enforcement officers in certain cities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.*

Rogers

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H.R. 4767. *A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to extend the discretionary spending limits through fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on the Budget.*

Toomey

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H. Res. 423. *A resolution designating majority membership on certain standing committees of the House; considered and agreed to.*

Ney

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Reports Filed:

Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3717, *to reform the Federal deposit insurance system, amended (H. Rept. 107-467).*

H.R. 1877, *to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide that certain sexual crimes against children are predicate crimes for the interception of communications, amended (H. Rept. 107-468).*

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H.R. 3295 - Help America Vote Act:

The House disagreed with the Senate amendments to H.R. 3295, to require States and localities to meet uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements applicable to Federal elections, to establish grant programs to provide assistance to States and localities to meet those requirements and to improve election technology and the administration of Federal elections, to establish the Election Administration Commission, and agreed to a conference.

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Appointed as conferees:

From the Committee on House Administration, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Ney and Representatives Ehlers, Doolittle, Reynolds, Hoyer, Fattah, and Davis of Florida; from the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of sections 601 and 606 of the House bill and section 404 of the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Stump and Representatives McHugh and Skelton;

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H.R. 3295 - Help America Vote Act (Cont'd):

From the Committee on the Judiciary for consideration of the following sections: 216, 221, Title IV, sections 502 and 503 of the House bill, and sections 101, 102, 104, subtitles A, B, and C of Title II, sections 311, 501 and 502 of the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Chabot and Conyers; from the Committee on Science for consideration of sections 221-5, 241-3, 251-3, and 261 of the House bill and section 101 of the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Boehlert and Representatives Morella and Barcia, provided that Representative Jackson-Lee of Texas is appointed in lieu of Representative Barcia for consideration of sections 251-3 of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference;

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From the Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of the following sections: 103 and 503 of the Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Thomas and Representatives Shaw and Rangel; and for consideration of the House bill and Senate amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Representative Blunt.

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Agreed to the Hoyer motion to instruct conferees to insist on the following: (1) provisions contained in title I of the House bill (relating to a program to provide payments to States and units of local government for replacing and enhancing punch and voting systems); and (2) provisions contained in section 232 of the House bill (relating to the formula used to determine the amount of other payments made to States under the bill for carrying out activities to improve the administration of elections).

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Committee Resignations:

Read letters wherein Representative Pence announced his resignation from the Committee on Science, ***Representative Bryant announced his resignation from the Committee on the Judiciary***, and Representative Forbes announced his resignation from the Committee on Science.

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Committee Election:

The House agreed to H. Res. 423, electing Representative Sullivan to the Committees on Government Reform and Science and ***Representative Forbes to the Committee on the Judiciary***.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on the "Critical Challenges Confronting National Security-Continuing Encroachment Threatens Force Readiness."

Next SENATE MEETING: Friday, 9:30 a.m., May 17, 2002.

Next HOUSE MEETING: Monday, 12:30 p.m., May 20, 2002.

OLA: S. Schwarz, A. Santos